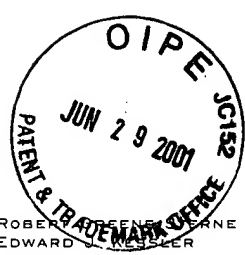


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Inventors: McClurg *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1823.0080001

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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. Form PTO-1449 (29 pages), listing and enclosing 232 documents; and
3. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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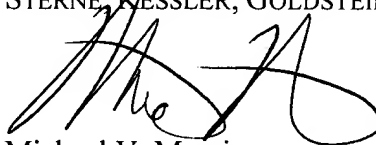
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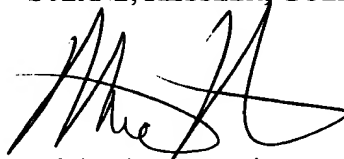
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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